



BISHOP BOYLAN BULLETIN

ASSEMBLY 198 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Navigator Notes

Brother Sir Knights. . . Buongiorno!
Translated from Italian, Good Day!

Having just returned from a 12-day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Siena, taking in many of the religious sites and saints can be a life-changing visit! I highly recommend putting this on your bucket list!

Back to our more immediate lists, the next 4th Degree Exemplification on 2/10/2024 in Bradley is just over a week away! We currently have 7 candidates from our Assembly, and may still be able to get more, but it may also cost more. The next Exemplification will be on June 22 at St. Monica Parish in Chicago, so plan to talk to your 3rd degree Brothers about attending this one!

The Rockford Diocese has organized a package plan for 50 pilgrims to attend the National Eucharistic Congress from July 17-21, which includes coach bus to/from Indianapolis, 4 nights in a hotel, entrance fees to the NEC, and transport to/from the hotel to NEC. See the attached flyer, and hurry . . . deadline is this Saturday, February 3!

Viviat Jesus! . . . FN Bob Schafer

Reminder . . . Next meeting is 2/7, same time, same place!

Knights of Columbus supports restoration of baldacchino . . .

. . . in St. Peter's Basilica by funding a yearlong restoration of Bernini's iconic baldacchino above the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica. The 10-story bronze, marble and gilded wood structure was commissioned by Pope Urban VIII and finished in 1633. The plan is to complete the comprehensive restoration – the first since 1758 – in time for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

“On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and our more than 2 million members in 13 countries around the world, we are honored to lend our support to this project, which is more than caring for a magnificent piece of art,” said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. “It points to the reality of God's love for us and his coming down to earth to dwell with us and to build the Church upon St. Peter and his profession of faith.”

Dr. Pietro Zander, head of the Necropolis and Artistic Heritage Section of the Fabbrica di San Pietro, will lead the project, which will involve state-of-the-art technology, including 3D modeling and drone videography.

“A prerequisite for planning the work is in fact the knowledge that we are dealing with a giant,” Zander said at the press conference. “A giant of art of all time, but even before that, a giant in form and size.”

The baldacchino's 66-foot-tall spiral columns hold up a massive bronze canopy topped by four larger-than-life-size angels. At its apex, a cross stands on a globe, symbolizing the world's redemption by Christ.

The Order has a long history of supporting the work of the pope and the Vatican, beginning with Pope Benedict XV's request that the Knights open sports fields to serve the poor youth of Rome following World War I. Since 1980, the Knights have sponsored 17 Vatican restoration projects, including the cleaning of the façade of St. Peter's Basilica in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2000, work in the Vatican Grottoes, and the restoration of a 7-foot-tall 14th-century wooden crucifix that was present in the original St. Peter's Basilica.

“I'd like to thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as well as Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, for allowing us to partner in this project,” the supreme knight said. “In addition to all the service we carry out for the poor, for our parishes and families, we Knights are very grateful for the privilege of serving the Church in this way.”



Rest in Peace Fr. Bakkelund,
Faithful Friar, Assembly #188



Baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica



DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD PILGRIMAGE **10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 3!
LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!**

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COST

2 per hotel room:
\$990/person

4 per hotel room:
\$864/person

There is still time to join an historic event in the life of the Catholic Church in the United States. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) will convene a short four hours from the Diocese of Rockford, in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 17, 2024, through July 21, 2024. The last national congress was 83 years ago!

The diocese has a **limited number of seats left** for its diocesan pilgrimage to the NEC.

The pilgrimage includes:

- Coach bus transportation to and from Indianapolis and between our hotel and the NEC venues.
- Four nights lodging as part of our hotel block.
- Entry pass for the full National Eucharistic Congress.
- All meals, incidentals, and other purchases are the responsibility of each pilgrim.

Payment Information:

- **Non-refundable initial payment of half the pilgrimage cost due by February 3.** If your initial payment is not received by February 3, we will need to release your reserved spot on our diocesan pilgrimage. This is required because of rooming restrictions and deadlines placed on us by the NEC. Thank you for your understanding.
- Payment via credit card will incur a small processing fee.
- **The pilgrimage must be paid in full by March 5, 2024.**

Interested? Send an email to life@rockforddiocese.org to see if we have spots left in our pilgrimage group!